# Connect people to public land – support the Forest Service's Volunteers & Service Programs!



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Summary	Join a national pilot program, The Volunteers & Service Programs Center of Excellence, to strategize, innovate, and expand the United State Forest Service's community engagement program.
Country	United States

### **Project Description**

With over 13.3 million acres of land and 23 million visitors, the Southern Region encompasses the 13 southern states and Puerto Rico. To maintain, sustain, and care for our public land, volunteers, service participants, and partners are essential an are the very foundation of this Agency.

The Volunteers & Service Programs Team analyzes, strategizes, and strengthens partnerships to enhance Forest Service capacity and address the pressing needs of natural resource conservation and connecting people to their public lands.

eInterns will support Regional & Sub-Regional Volunteers & Service Programs specialists as we add internal agency knowledge and capacity to best engage volunteers and utilize service programs. Help us as we design, create, and refine innovative resources and communications that inform, inspire, and streamline the Forest and Regions volunteer and service program.

Potential projects support the following themes:

- Volunteer Recruitment, Management, & Recognition
- Ex. Help us to identify Higher Education partners regionally and nationally by compiling a list of contacts and resources to increase Federal work-study programming, service-learning, and service-based scholarships and fellowships.
- Communications
- Ex. Support the development of resources, tools, and messages internal and external to the agency.
- Ex. Support social media and Regional and Forest Office of Communications/Public Affairs in telling the story of volunteers and service participants.
- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
- Ex. Help us identify opportunities and models to use as we aim to engage diverse and representative group of the public in National Forest projects.
- Reporting & Data Management
- Ex. Support our database of partners and the integrity of our data to help us make strategic and data-informed program decisions.

• Ex. Become familiar with statistical survey software to obtain information from Forest Service staff as well as volunteers, service participants, and partners.

# **Required Skills or Interests**

Skill(s)
Data analysis
Data visualization
Design thinking
Editing and proofreading
Infographic design
Marketing
Research
Social media management
Storytelling/blogging/vlogging
Survey / polling design
Website design
Writing

### **Additional Information**

Volunteers will be signed up under Individual Volunteer Agreements (OF-301a). All Volunteers are asked to record their hours worked on this project and will be reported in the Volunteer & Service Programs Accomplishments Database (VSReports), the official reporting database.

# **Language Requirements**

None